

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 17th February 2013**

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## **IRTS AGM, Dinner and Radio Rally**

This year the 81st IRTS AGM is hosted by Shannon Basin Radio Club. The event takes place in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel in Athlone, Saturday April 27th and Sunday April 28th 2013. Tickets for the Dinner on Saturday night (8.00 for 8.30pm) will be available at 30 Euro each from Brian EI8IU QTHR and through IRTS Committee Members. Dress code, as usual, is smart/casual. Menu details is available from the IRTS website. Please visit [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie) for more details.

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## **Limerick Radio Club**

Limerick Radio Club held its AGM on 13 February and following officers have been elected for 2013/14. Chairman Simon Kenny EI7ALB Treasurer Anthony Condon EI2AW Hon. Secretary Ger McNamara EI4GXB Committee: Alan Cronin EI8EM, Dermot Gleeson EI2GT, Brendan Kilmartin, Liam Rainford EI7DSB Trustees: Tom O'Sullivan EI3AL, Michael Kingston EI2IX, Dermot Glesson EI2GT.

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## **Limerick Radio Club Radio Rally**

The Annual Limerick Radio Club Rally will take place on Sunday 3rd March 2012 at the Radisson Blu Hotel Limerick. Doors open at 11am and admission is €5. All the usual traders will be present. Bring and Buy tables are Free of charge and will be allocated on a first come basis, they can be booked by contacting Ger McNamara EI4GXB on 087 2532512 or ei4gxb / at/gmail /dot/com.

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## **Renewal of Amateur Station Licences**

In June 2009 the Wireless Telegraphy (Amateur Station Licence) Regulations 2009 came into force which changed individual Amateur Station Licences from annual licences to lifetime licences.

Whilst the licences are lifetime licences, under the regulations licensees are required to confirm the details of their licence to ComReg every five years. ComReg will begin

advising licensees how to comply with this requirement in 2014. We have been told by ComReg that they have yet to determine how this process will take place but will endeavour to make it as smooth as possible.

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### **IRTS Awards Nominations**

It is time once again for nominations for the several awards for IRTS Trophies and cups that are required from within the membership, this includes the awards for:

Service to the Society or to Amateur Radio: Awards in this category can to members or to non-members.

Awards for other achievements:

Awards in this category include the 4 and 6 M Shields; the SWL Award; and the awards for Quality Construction Projects. These awards are confined to members only.

Nominations may be from Clubs or individuals, must be by post or e-mail, and can be forwarded to the Awards Committee Members, Pat EI2HX, Jim EI4HH or, Peter EI4HX, Chair of awards committee, QTHR or by e-mail to [ei4hxperimental@eircom.net](mailto:ei4hxperimental@eircom.net). [www.irts.ie/cgi/awards/cgi](http://www.irts.ie/cgi/awards/cgi)

Closing date for nominations is February 28th 2013.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Club**

The AGM of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday the 25th February at 8.00 p.m. sharp. All members are asked to attend. For more details please visit [www.searg.com](http://www.searg.com)

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### **Dundalk Amateur Radio Society EI7DAR**

The AGM of DAR will take place Wednesday 6th March at the Society premises, 'Larkin House', 113, Castletown Road, Dundalk, commencing at 8pm sharp. Everyone welcome and a reminder to members that membership subscriptions are now due. For more details please visit [www.ei7dar.com](http://www.ei7dar.com)

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## **Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club Annual Rally**

The Lough Erne Rally takes place on Sunday March 24th 2013.

The location is The Share Centre, Lisnaskea, Co. Fermanagh, BT92, 0EQ. Usual clubs and organisations will be present. Bring and buy, Food and on site parking available. Everyone welcome. More details can be obtained from [www.learc.eu](http://www.learc.eu)

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## **Cork Radio Club**

The Annual General Meeting of Cork Radio Club will be held in the Vienna Woods Hotel in Cork on Monday February 25th at 20.00. All members are asked to attend and intending members are also very welcome. Enquiries to Jeremy EI5GM on 083-3317710.

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## **DX News**

Members of the Lufthansa Amateur Radio Club are off on another DXpedition. This time their destination is Vietnam. Listen for the callsign XV2DLH from now until 26 February. The QSL manager is DK8ZZ.

The ham shack at the American Guantanamo Bay base on Cuba was badly damaged by the recent hurricane Sandy. Repairs are at present taking place and it is hoped that activity by KG4KL and KG4WV will be possible in the coming week.

Phil G3SWH and Jim G3RTE will be QRV from Guadalcanal in the Solomon Islands from 18 – 28 February using the callsign H44KW. They will be active on CW on all bands 80 – 10m.

Two separate activities will take place from the west African country of Burkina Faso later this month. Firstly the Italian DXpedition Team will activate the callsign XT2TT from 21 February until 6 March. The second activity is by a Japanese group with the callsigns XT2CJA, XT2IVU, XT2AEF and XT2VWT. They plan to be QRV on all bands 80 – 10m CW, SSB and digital.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam/at/irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news maybe telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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